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2000 Annual Report

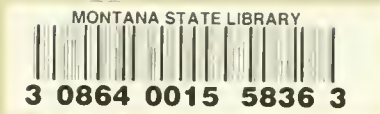


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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL

MISSION STATEMENT

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Attorney General



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Fellow Montanans:

With 237 fatalities in Montana last year, highway deaths continue to be a significant public safety issue for the Highway Patrol and all of us who travel on our state's roads.

As Montanans have become accustomed to the numerical speed limit introduced in 1999, we have demonstrated to our neighbors and other visitors that we take our safety seriously and that our state is not the American equivalent of Germany's "autobahn." The speed limit has given drivers specific and understandable guidance on what speed is appropriate. It also has done much to improve the flow of traffic, eliminating some of the dangerous disparity in the speeds at which cars and trucks were traveling.

As long as we have cars and roads to drive them on, we will deal with traffic safety issues. But a reasonable speed limit does make a difference. In 1972, when there was no daytime speed limit, 395 people died on Montana's roads. In 1974, the first year of the federal conservation limit, that death toll was reduced by almost 100 to 299. Since then, fatalities in Montana have remained at around 200, even though the factors that generally affect fatality rates have increased significantly. Since 1974, we have almost a third more registered vehicles and licensed drivers on our roads, traveling two-thirds more miles. Our state's population is up over one quarter, and over 9.5 million tourists visit Montana each year.

I would like to congratulate the Montana Highway Patrol for its unceasing efforts to protect and assist motorists. It is particularly noteworthy that the Patrol has maintained its safety efforts with the same number of officers it had in 1974 – an indication of the tremendous dedication of its officers.

Highway safety isn't just the Patrol's responsibility – it's something we all share. To reduce the number of people who die on our roads, we all need to follow posted speed limits, use our seatbelts, avoid drinking and driving, focus on our driving and extend courtesy to other drivers.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature of Mike McGrath in dark ink.

MIKE MCGRATH
Attorney General

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Re: 2000 Annual Report

Dear General:

I respectfully submit to you as well as the citizens and motorists of Montana, the Annual Report for the Montana Highway Patrol for calendar year 2000. This report contains a tremendous amount of critical information that is not only informative but is also helpful in identifying critical issues to all Montanans. This annual report is mandated by statute but even more importantly is the "year in review" relative to statewide highway safety issues.

The fact that we have safer cars, advanced traffic enforcement strategies, a focus on public education, more public information we are able to hold highway carnage at levels below that which was experienced in the 1950's and 1960's. Montana still has many other areas and issues that we will continue to pursue that will improve safety on Montana's roadways. It is my vision that we can and will continue to move forward in the area of making Montana a safer place to drive. Technological advances in equipment, programs and enforcement practices will allow us to remain responsive to the needs of Montana motorists with the same officer resources we have had for the previous 25 years.

Under your leadership in this safety effort we anticipate progress, change and focus on highway safety for all of Montana. The men and women of the Montana Highway Patrol and all of Montana recognize and appreciate your efforts.

I thank you for your support of our highway safety efforts and we fully anticipate we will meet our new challenges. We pledge our continued efforts to improve public safety in Montana.

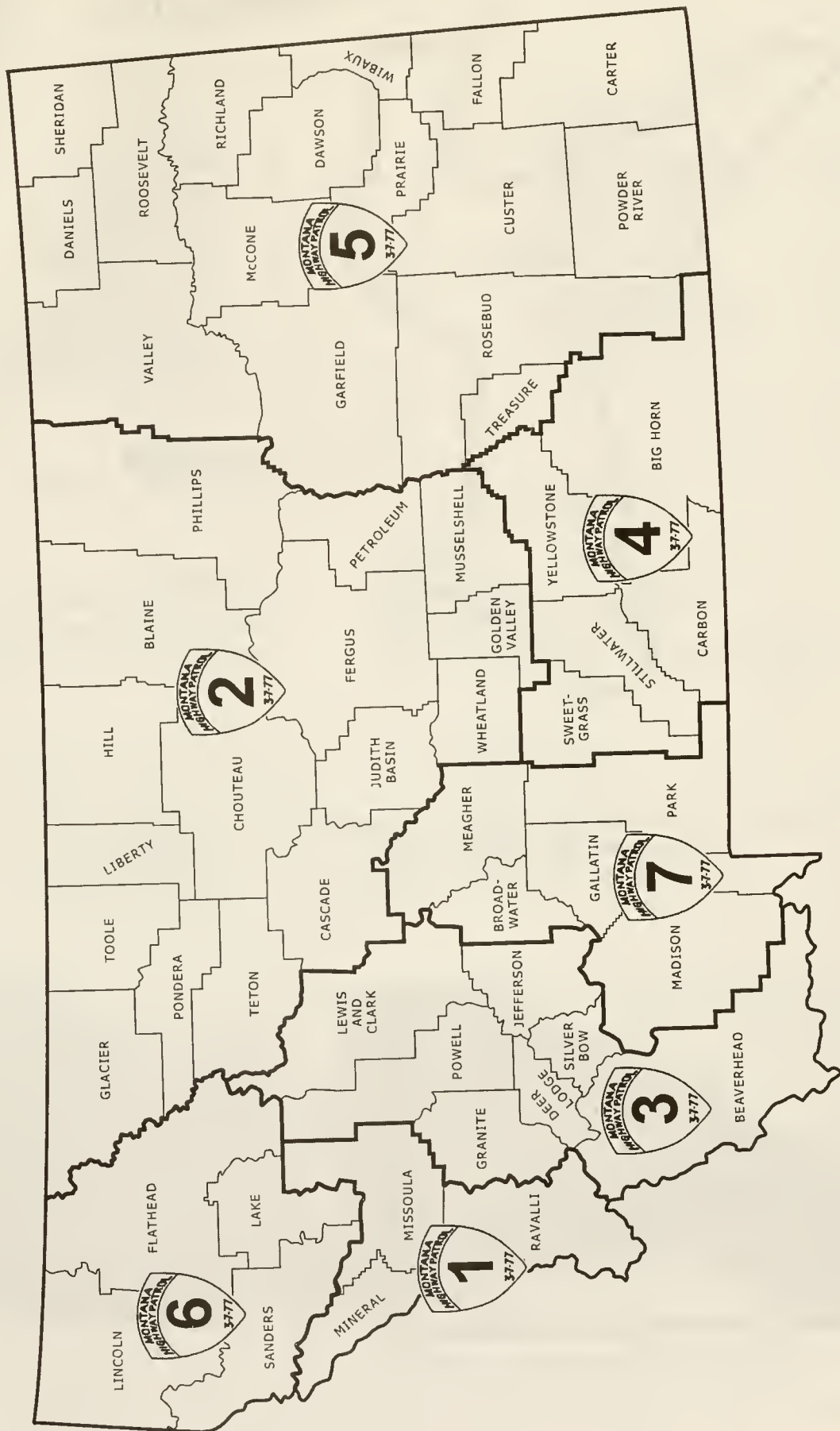
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bert J. Obert".

Colonel Bert J. Obert
Chief Administrator



Montana Highway Patrol District Map



District I



Population	129,022
Officers	25
Vehicle Miles Driven	604,349
Calls for Service	10,243
Crashes Investigated	1,927
Violators Stopped	12,269
Total Arrest Tickets	10,643
Total Warning Tickets	12,924
Traffic Fatalities	42

Commander

Captain Mike Frellick

District Office

2681 Palmer, Suite B

Missoula, MT. 59808-1700

Phone/FAX: (406) 329-1510 / (406) 329-1549

Detachments: 111 Missoula – Sgt. Thomas D. Hamilton
112 Missoula – Sgt. Paul K. Grimstad
113 Hamilton – Sgt. Peter E. Richardson

(406) 329-1513

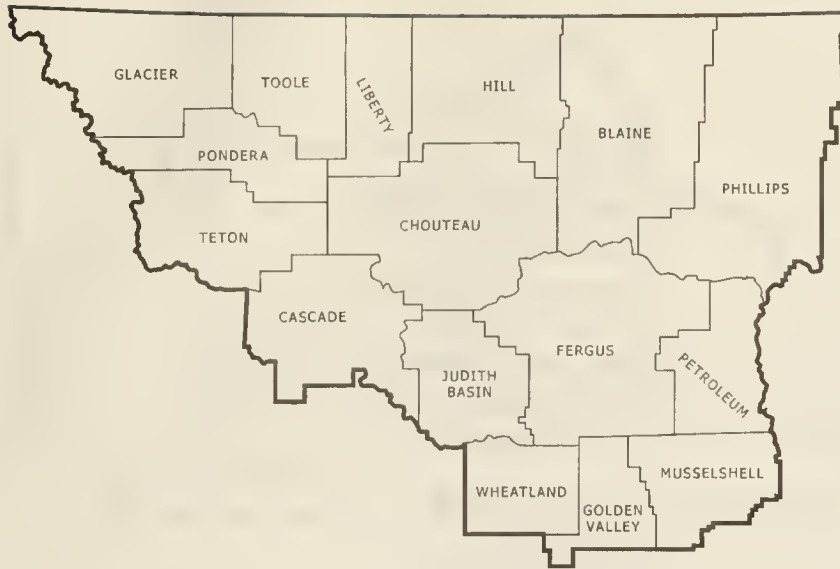
(406) 329-1514

(406) 777-2517



District I, located in Missoula, provides primary traffic enforcement to Missoula, Ravalli, and Mineral counties. The Highway Patrol emergency communication center for Western Montana is also a District responsibility. Significant enforcement events during 2000 included the Rainbow Gathering, Hells Angels Tour, Forest Fires and The Testical Festival. A new building will now accommodate all Missoula DOJ Divisions. The constant growth pattern of Western Montana and the accompanying increase in calls-for-service will be our strongest Challenge during the new millennium.

District II



Population	167,181
Officers	36
Vehicle Miles Driven	1,088,291
Calls for Service	12,135
Crashes Investigated	1,551
Violators Stopped	21,535
Total Arrest Tickets	17,942
Total Warning Tickets	20,599
Traffic Fatalities	49

Commander

Captain Bob Hammel

District Office

3800 Ulm North Frontage Road

Great Falls, MT. 59404-5595

Phone/FAX: (406) 453-1121 / (406) 454-2119

Detachments: 211 Cut Bank – Sgt. Steve A. Lavin	(406) 873-5651
212 Great Falls – Sgt. Butch Huseby	(406) 453-1121
213 Great Falls – Sgt. Henry C. Devereaux	(406) 453-1121
221 Havre – Sgt. Gregory J. Szudera	(406) 265-1562
222 Lewistown – Sgt. Barbara A. Lobdell	(406) 538-8718



The year 2000 presented itself with many new challenges and accomplishments. Although nothing of any significance occurred at the turn of the century, significant planning took place to assure we would be ready if the computers all quit working.

The officer's throughout the District were involved in many different situations and incidents. Officer Walter Barry out of Cut Bank seized over ten thousand dollars in cash while conducting a search for drugs of a vehicle. He as well as others continued to wage the war against drugs doing numerous drug interdiction searches. Officer's spent

many hours investigating crashes. Several drivers were charged and convicted of vehicular negligent homicide. Good sound investigation and report writing result not only in charging but convicting poor drivers. No officer's in District II were seriously injured or killed while performing their duties and we pray 2001 will be the same.

District III



Population	126,514
Officers	27
Vehicle Miles Driven	749,146
Calls for Service	7,218
Crashes Investigated	1,680
Violators Stopped	10,987
Total Arrest Tickets	9,838
Total Warning Tickets	10,429
Traffic Fatalities	28

Commander

Captain Janet Baker

District Office

3615 Wayne

Butte, MT. 59701

Phone/FAX: (406) 494-3233 / (406) 494-8264

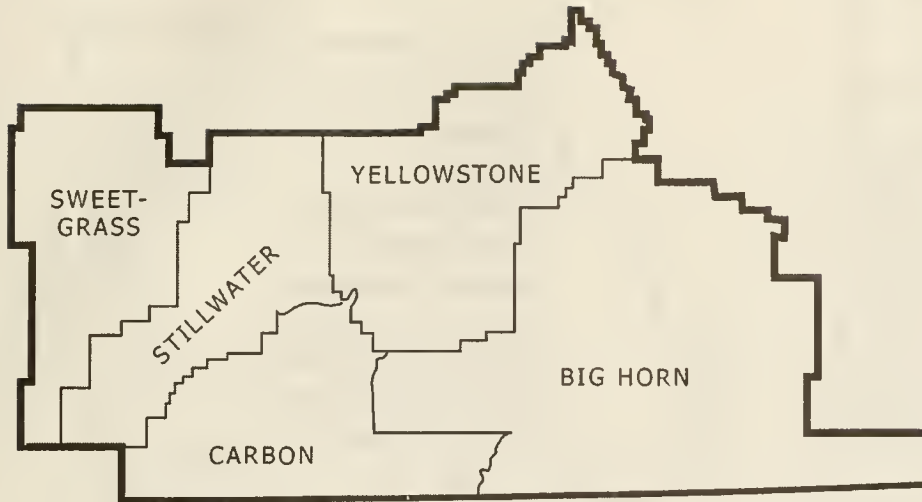
Detachments: 311 Butte – Sgt. Milclhael G.Swingley (406) 494-3233
312 Butte – Sgt. Gary D. Becker (406) 494-3233
322 Helena – Sgt. Michael T. Tooley (406) 444-7030



The District includes three detachments and the communications Center in Helena. Mitzi Brown is the supervisor and has 9 full time and 3 on-call dispatchers. Recruitment and retention of dispatchers is an on-going problem. Plans are underway to relocate the communications center to Fort Harrison in the near future.

Some of the activities in District III in 2000 were the annual gathering of the Rainbow People in Beaverhead County, Rockin' the Rockies music extravaganza in Jefferson County and assisting with fire control throughout the entire district. These extra activities kept the officers very busy throughout the summer months.

District IV



Population	161,286
Officers	31
Vehicle Miles Driven	755,369
Calls for Service	10,232
Crashes Investigated	1,640
Violators Stopped	14,281
Total Arrest Tickets	11,993
Total Warning Tickets	13,170
Traffic Fatalities	39

Commander
Captain David Dill

District Office
615A South 27 Street
Billings, MT. 59101
Phone/FAX: (406) 896-4351 / (406) 896-4355

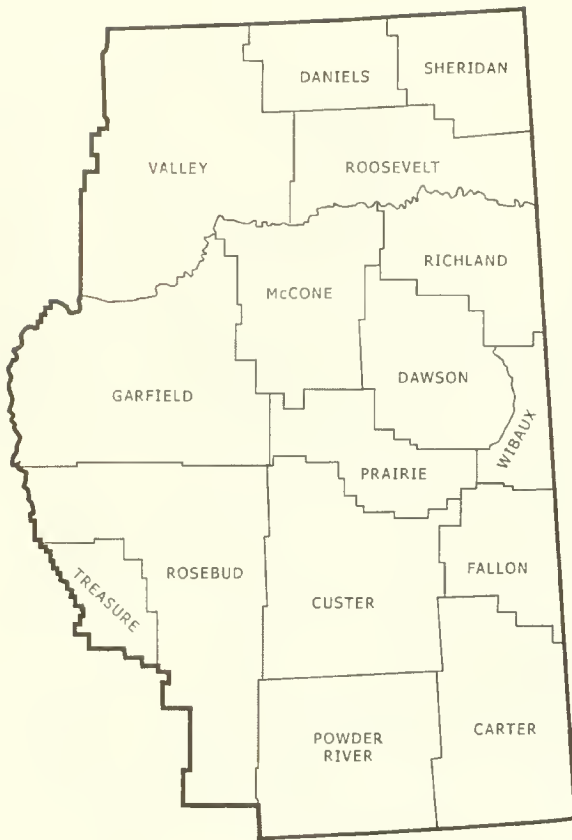
Detachments: 421	Billings – Sgt. Robert J. Koch	(406) 896-4358
422	Billings – Sgt. Clay Creek	(406) 896-4359
423	Columbus – Sgt. Peter R. O’Loughlin	(406) 322-6228
424	Billings – Sgt. Keith R. Edgell	(406) 896-4357



During the summer months over 10,000 Goldwingers, visited Yellowstone County and 60,000 people attended the Billings Airshow.

The district was divided into another detachment (424) reducing the span of control of the detachment commanders. Officer Steve Wisniewski earned the Award of Valor and Officer Rieger and Officer Largent received the Meritorious Service Award. Officer Largent was also selected as the Exchange Club Officer of the Year.

District V



Population	78,332
Officers	27
Vehicle Miles Driven	739,688
Calls for Service	7,481
Crashes Investigated	839
Violators Stopped	14,126
Total Arrest Tickets	11,693
Total Warning Tickets	12,235
Traffic Fatalities	17

Commander
Captain Alan Michaels

District Office
76 Highway 16
Glendive, MT. 59330-9502
Phone/FAX: (406) 365-5238 / (406) 365-8504

Detachments: 511 Glendive – Sgt. Edward A. Hilbert (406) 365-5238
512 Wolf Point – Sgt. Lawrence D. Irwin (406) 653-1000
513 Miles City – Sgt. Carol A. Schumacher (406) 233-3395



The most significant event was the first true Cross Deputization Agreement in Montana. This involved the Fort Peck Assiniboine-Sioux Tribes and the State of Montana.

Two traffic stops evolved into significant federal drug trafficking cases. Both involved illegal aliens, one transporting met amphetamine from Washington to North Dakota. The second involved transporting (128) pounds of marijuana from California to Minnesota.

District VI



Population	127,710
Officers	27
Vehicle Miles Driven	669,789
Calls for Service	9,199
Crashes Investigated	1,967
Violators Stopped	10,998
Total Arrest Tickets	7,610
Total Warning Tickets	14,800
Traffic Fatalities	38

Commander

Captain Terry Aubrey

District Office

433 South Main, suite 10

Kalispell, MT. 59901

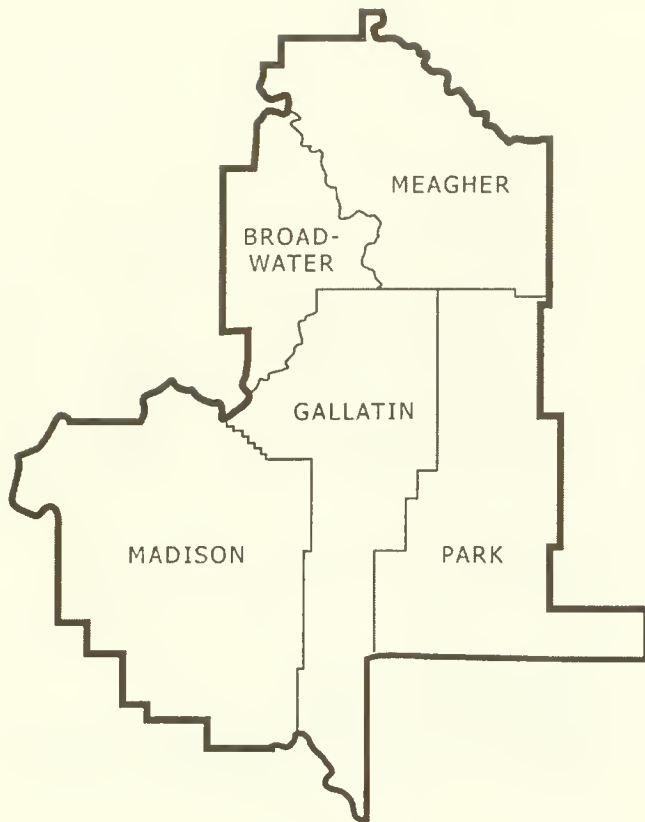
Phone/FAX: (406) 755-6688 / (406) 756-6606

Detachments:	621	Libby – Sgt. Joe T. Dow	(406) 293-5150
	622	Kalispell – Sgt. Clancy King	(406) 755-6688
	623	Polson – Sgt. Michael R. Kent	(406) 883-4766



Officer Randy Owens received the Medal of Valor for his actions at a shooting in Pablo. Officer Owens went above and beyond the call for duty while attempting to arrest a shooting suspect, placing himself at great personal risk.

District VII



Population	92,734
Officers	22
Vehicle Miles Driven	623,868
Calls for Service	8,003
Crashes Investigated	1,437
Violators Stopped	10,354
Total Arrest Tickets	8,465
Total Warning Tickets	11,988
Traffic Fatalities	24

Commander

Captain Kenton Hickethier

District Office

91 East Central, Suite A

Belgrade, MT. 59714

Phone/FAX: (406) 388-3190 / (406) 388-3198

Detachments:	712	Bozeman	Sgt. David J. Schenk	(406) 388-3190
	721	Bozeman	Sgt. Jeffrey A. Mount	(406) 388-3190
	723	Three Forks	Acting Sgt. K.C. Lynn	(406) 285-3265



District VII was established at the end of November 2000, due to the realignment of District III creating a new District. The Bozeman District Office is located at the Belgrade City Hall

District officers arrested 268 DUI's, and made over 130 drug arrests in 2000. These arrests led to an unspecified amount of forfeitures to the Department of Justice drug fund. Many of these arrests led to further arrests, working with the Missouri River Drug Task Force.

Highway Patrol Activity

Citations Issued	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<i>D.U.I./Per Se</i>	2,712	2,752	2,574	2,622	2,381
<i>Speed - Basic Rule</i>	6,825	5,262	5,194	165	477
<i>Speed - Over Legal</i>	18,296	19,900	17,702	35,837	36,894
<i>Liability Insurance</i>	6,763	7,674	7,287	7,956	6,212
<i>Seat Belt</i>	7,967	9,450	13,271	13,502	11,004
<i>Total Arrest Tickets</i>	65,495	70,661	69,749	85,916	78,184
<i>Total Warning Tickets</i>	103,981	110,063	103,565	112,171	96,145

Number of:	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<i>Stolen Vehicles Recovered</i>	119	151	133	109	109
<i>Warrants Served</i>	4,613	3,751	2,924	3,040	3,493
<i>Violators Stopped</i>	88,554	94,763	89,636	106,666	94,550
<i>Investigations - Traffic non-accident</i>	11,283	12,404	11,281	11,819	10,690
<i>Assist Other Law Enf.</i>	5,603	5,052	4,566	4,701	4,599
<i>Assist Public</i>	17,318	16,095	16,088	15,821	14,288
<i>Assist Other Gvt. Agency</i>	3,390	2,363	2,284	1,320	2,376
<i>Safety Education Talks</i>	671	720	606	575	400
<i>Illegal Drug Arrests</i>	756	921	802	750	796
<i>Illegal Possession, Alcohol</i>	761	926	774	830	750
<i>Furn. Liquor to a Minor</i>	50	47	45	54	53
<i>Calls for Service</i>	73,458	72,976	70,500	71,373	64,511
<i>Total Miles Driven</i>	5,920,165	5,765,068	5,443,863	5,865,635	5,230,500
<i>School Bus Inspections</i>	4,804	5,410	5,178	5,521	4,516

Annual Traffic Rates

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|---|------------------------------------|
| * 237 Fatalities in 203 fatal crashes | * One fatality every 37 Hours |
| * 10,821 Injuries in 7,057 injury crashes | * One injury every 49 Minutes |
| * 15,005 Property damage only crashes | * One PDO crash every 35 Minutes |
| * 22,263 Crashes Reported | * One crash every 24 Minutes |
| * \$712 Million economic loss | * \$1,945,355 Ave. loss every day |
| * 61 Crashes (ave) per day | * 30 Persons injured (ave) per day |

Deaths Up 7.7%
Injuries Up 3.5%
Reported Crashes Up 5.6%

When Crashes Occurred

More Crashes Occurred:

Between 3 & 4 p.m. than any other hour of the day.

On Friday than any other day of the week.

In November than any other month of the year.

More Fatal Crashes Occurred:

Between noon & 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. than any other time-of-day.

On Saturday than any other day of the week.

In September than any other month of the year.

Where Crashes Occurred

Where	Fatal Crashes	*Percent Change	Total Crashes	*Percent Change
Interstate Highways	36	+12.50%	2,736	+10.59%
U.S. Highways	53	+6.00%	5,606	+4.28%
Secondary Routes	73	+21.67%	6,866	+5.21%
County Roads	37	-15.91%	3,208	+4.77%
Local Streets	4	-50.00%	3,683	+7.63%
Private	0	No Change	164	-24.77%
Total	203	+4.64%	22,263	+5.62%

* Percent change is the percent increase (+) or decrease (-) from the previous year.

Crashes investigated by

Highway Patrol	52%
Other Agencies	48%

Male	20,040
Female	13,257
<u>Not Stated</u>	<u>3,050</u>
Total	36,347

Drivers Involved

Seat Belt usage Rates *

Year	Interstate	Primary	City	Other	All Roads
1996	86.20%	75.50%	51.80%	61.00%	70.80%
1997	87.90%	79.30%	52.40%	60.20%	72.60%
1998	88.30%	78.10%	54.00%	63.50%	73.10%
1999	89.10%	78.90%	55.30%	65.00%	74.00%
2000	91.30%	79.50%	58.30%	65.50%	75.60%

* Source: Traffic safety bureau, MT. Dept. of Transportation

Fatality Calender

January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
						1
		2			3	
2		3	1			
		1				

Total for Month: 14

Total for Year: 14

February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				2		
					2	
						1
		1		1		2
	1					

Total for Month: 10

Total for Year: 24

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1		5
					2	
1		1	1			
	1				1	
	1	1	1	1		

Total for Month: 17

Total for Year: 41

April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						2
2	1	1			2	
		1		1	1	
1			2	1	1	2
3		1		1		

Total for Month: 23

Total for Year: 64

May						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1			
		2				
1						
				1	5	
	3	1				

Total for Month: 14

Total for Year: 78

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	1
		2		4		
1			1			1
1	1			1		
4	1	2		1	5	

Total for Month: 27

Total for Year: 105

July						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
1	2	1	3			2
	1	1		1	1	1
3	2					1
	2			1		

Total for Month: 24

Total for Year: 129

August						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			2			2
	1		1		1	
1			2	2	2	3
1			2	1		1
2						

Total for Month: 24

Total for Year: 153

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	4
1	2		3		2	2
1				1	1	2
1					2	2
1	3			3		

Total for Month: 32

Total for Year: 185

October						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		2				
1		1			1	2
	2	4		1		3
		1				1
		3				

Total for Month: 22

Total for Year: 207

November						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				2		2
2			1		1	
						1
1			1			
			1			

Total for Month: 12

Total for Year: 219

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	1		1	1
			1	2		
1		2				1
			1	4		1
1						

Total for Month: 18

Total for Year: 237

Fatalities During Major Holiday Periods*

Holiday	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		Total	
	Fatal Crashes	Fatalities	Fatal Crashes	Fatalities	Fatal Crashes	Fatalities	Fatal Crashes	Fatalities	Fatal Crashes	Fatalities	Fatal Crashes	Fatalities
Memorial Day	0	0	0	0	4	5	2	2	5	9	11	16
Independence Day	0	0	3	4	2	2	2	2	3	5	10	13
Labor Day	2	3	3	4	3	3	6	6	6	7	20	23
Thanksgiving	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	7	8
Christmas	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	1	1	6	6
New Year's	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2
Total	3	4	10	12	13	14	14	15	16	23	56	68

*
 Holiday periods begin at 6 pm on the day before the holiday and end at midnight on the day after the holiday.
 If a holiday falls on a Friday the holiday period begins at 6 pm on Thursday and ends at midnight on Sunday.
 If a holiday falls on a Monday the holiday period begins at 6 pm on Friday and ends at midnight on Monday.

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Beaverhead	3	1	5	3	3	0	4	4	3	2	28
Big Horn	1	3	6	1	2	2	5	4	7	3	34
Blaine	0	2	8	3	5	8	9	0	8	4	47
Broadwater	2	2	2	3	0	2	2	1	0	0	14
Carbon	6	6	6	5	3	5	3	8	7	6	55
Carter	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	5
Cascade	7	12	11	19	4	11	12	14	13	18	121
Choteau	2	2	1	1	2	1	2	5	5	4	25
Custer	3	7	2	1	3	6	2	5	4	7	40
Daniels	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	8
Dawson	1	2	5	2	2	5	1	6	8	4	36
Deer Lodge	1	8	4	1	0	8	8	6	3	6	45
Fallon	2	2	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	10
Fergus	2	3	10	6	3	9	3	3	4	7	50
Flathead	2	7	7	12	3	2	11	7	18	11	80
Gallatin	3	5	4	4	9	11	7	7	3	8	61
Garfield	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	2	12
Glacier	0	3	4	4	4	6	2	5	7	9	44
Golden Valley	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
Granite	2	2	1	3	1	4	2	1	3	2	21
Hill	1	4	0	2	2	3	6	2	2	4	26
Jefferson	4	1	5	0	4	1	5	11	7	4	42
Judith Basin	2	0	1	4	2	2	1	2	2	1	17
Lake	2	0	5	5	6	1	2	2	7	8	38
Lewis & Clark	2	10	3	0	7	12	2	8	4	5	53
Liberty	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Lincoln	0	3	0	6	1	2	3	8	9	6	38
Madison	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	2	2	14
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Meagher	0	2	0	1	0	2	4	3	3	1	16
Mineral	1	2	3	0	10	2	2	5	1	4	30
Missoula	8	12	6	4	7	15	3	9	8	8	80
Musselshell	1	1	0	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	17
Park	4	2	0	3	4	2	4	9	3	4	35
Petroleum	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	6
Phillips	4	3	3	3	1	4	4	7	2	4	35
Pondera	0	0	0	2	4	1	3	6	6	2	24
Powder River	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	9
Powell	4	2	1	5	3	2	1	8	2	3	31
Prairie	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	4	3	14
Ravalli	4	4	1	3	3	2	1	4	3	4	29
Richland	2	0	1	3	0	3	3	2	1	2	17
Roosevelt	3	2	3	1	8	5	3	10	5	12	52
Rosebud	1	5	4	6	1	3	2	2	6	2	32
Sanders	1	3	7	3	3	0	2	1	6	0	26
Sheridan	2	3	1	3	2	3	0	6	0	3	23
Silver Bow	5	8	11	4	7	10	10	13	15	10	93
Stillwater	1	4	4	1	2	7	7	0	0	4	30
Sweet Grass	1	1	2	0	1	4	3	6	5	1	24
Teton	2	4	1	0	3	3	1	1	4	0	19
Toole	2	4	0	2	3	4	5	5	6	1	32
Treasure	0	1	1	3	2	1	0	2	0	2	12
Valley	1	2	4	2	2	2	9	2	12	6	42
Wheatland	0	2	0	4	5	3	0	0	0	3	17
Wibaux	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	9
Yellowstone	14	6	15	17	15	8	9	17	14	8	123
Totals	112	162	167	164	162	202	182	241	250	220	1862

County	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	Page Total
Beaverhead	4	2	6	4	4	5	2	3	5	4	39
Big Horn	8	11	2	4	2	4	7	7	15	10	70
Blaine	1	3	2	3	6	2	7	5	2	5	36
Broadwater	1	4	5	5	6	1	0	0	3	0	25
Carbon	3	4	4	2	6	2	5	2	3	6	37
Carter	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Cascade	12	13	13	14	10	13	24	24	12	15	150
Choteau	2	6	2	1	5	0	2	4	3	7	32
Custer	3	5	5	3	7	4	11	2	2	5	47
Daniels	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
Dawson	9	2	5	4	0	3	1	2	4	6	36
Deer Lodge	8	11	4	3	3	5	8	6	5	6	59
Fallon	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
Fergus	6	4	2	1	5	3	5	6	5	6	43
Flathead	4	9	5	2	14	12	15	11	2	13	87
Gallatin	4	7	4	7	8	9	23	5	13	13	93
Garfield	0	0	1	6	1	1	2	0	3	5	19
Glacier	13	14	1	7	8	12	8	8	10	7	88
Golden Valley	2	0	1	1	2	0	3	2	4	1	16
Granite	0	2	0	9	3	2	1	5	1	0	23
Hill	9	9	6	4	4	9	6	6	5	6	64
Jefferson	7	3	9	2	8	4	7	2	2	4	48
Judith Basin	1	1	2	4	2	4	9	1	2	1	27
Lake	5	10	4	3	4	11	4	8	10	7	66
Lewis & Clark	1	8	8	3	6	12	15	4	6	12	75
Liberty	4	0	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	15
Lincoln	8	6	7	4	3	4	5	6	6	3	52
Madison	1	3	0	1	5	1	4	6	5	3	29
Totals	236	267	210	193	248	222	275	256	228	259	2394

County	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	Page Total
Beaverhead	5	11	5	5	6	3	3	4	4	6	52
Big Horn	9	10	11	17	11	19	11	9	14	5	116
Blaine	3	2	11	3	3	3	4	10	3	4	46
Broadwater	0	2	1	1	0	3	2	12	1	0	22
Carbon	6	4	5	2	3	6	3	3	3	4	39
Carter	2	2	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	13
Cascade	17	17	17	7	23	23	15	15	8	16	158
Choteau	2	1	4	3	5	7	1	6	11	1	41
Custer	4	2	3	4	6	2	9	13	8	8	59
Daniels	1	1	1	5	2	1	0	0	2	2	15
Dawson	2	6	4	10	5	5	3	9	3	4	51
Deer Lodge	5	7	6	7	2	5	4	6	5	5	52
Fallon	1	1	0	1	3	2	1	4	2	1	16
Fergus	5	5	1	5	7	3	3	6	6	8	49
Flathead	10	6	23	8	15	19	21	16	25	13	156
Gallatin	8	9	4	13	13	11	13	13	11	10	105
Garfield	3	0	2	1	1	0	2	3	1	2	15
Glacier	5	15	3	9	13	8	17	10	11	9	100
Golden Valley	0	0	0	1	4	1	3	3	1	2	15
Granite	6	1	6	4	5	6	2	1	2	4	37
Hill	5	5	12	5	4	5	5	9	0	3	53
Jefferson	6	4	5	4	6	6	5	9	8	8	61
Judith Basin	0	2	9	5	4	1	1	3	1	1	27
Lake	10	9	11	13	8	16	19	16	11	16	129
Lewis & Clark	11	21	10	6	15	15	14	15	8	14	129
Liberty	1	0	0	5	8	1	0	3	2	2	22
Lincoln	7	9	9	10	6	4	15	5	12	7	84
Madison	5	3	6	2	1	3	2	9	1	2	34
Totals	280	276	319	289	339	318	328	395	323	299	3166

County	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	Page Total
McCone	0	3	1	3	5	1	6	3	1	1	24
Meagher	1	1	4	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	14
Mineral	8	3	9	7	6	12	3	8	11	6	73
Missoula	25	21	20	10	18	19	33	35	25	16	222
Musselshell	3	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	3	5	27
Park	1	10	4	6	5	5	6	5	7	9	58
Petroleum	1	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	2	1	11
Phillips	4	1	3	3	3	4	5	3	2	4	32
Pondera	1	6	5	2	13	4	5	4	1	0	41
Powder River	1	0	3	3	10	4	3	0	0	2	26
Powell	6	7	11	10	9	5	6	11	10	7	82
Prairie	4	0	1	2	3	1	5	1	2	0	19
Ravalli	7	5	8	10	5	7	7	8	9	5	71
Richland	3	0	4	3	4	2	2	4	2	3	27
Roosevelt	8	3	6	6	4	2	6	9	3	6	53
Rosebud	4	5	1	6	7	20	9	3	8	7	70
Sanders	2	8	4	5	2	4	1	5	1	4	36
Sheridan	1	3	6	3	3	4	4	5	2	0	31
Silver Bow	13	13	10	3	13	10	5	12	13	10	102
Stillwater	2	1	4	5	9	0	2	6	3	6	38
Sweet Grass	11	5	6	5	0	0	4	6	9	1	47
Teton	4	1	1	0	8	4	2	5	0	2	27
Toole	3	2	5	5	0	4	1	0	3	2	25
Treasure	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	10
Valley	6	5	7	10	6	8	3	6	5	7	63
Wheatland	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	7	2	2	15
Wibaux	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	12
Yellowstone	18	15	19	18	19	14	24	24	30	33	214
Totals	280	276	319	289	339	318	328	395	323	299	3166

County	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	Page Total	County	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	Page Total
Beaverhead	12	11	6	5	10	6	11	4	6	2	73	McCone	0	1	3	1	2	3	6	2	4	0	22
Big Horn	15	14	3	8	14	11	14	7	5	5	96	Meagher	1	4	1	5	3	4	4	0	1	0	23
Blaine	2	4	11	4	4	3	6	5	3	5	47	Mineral	6	3	6	8	11	7	1	5	9	1	57
Broadwater	2	0	2	4	5	2	2	2	1	3	23	Missoula	23	21	20	21	28	28	16	20	17	14	208
Carbon	0	1	5	3	3	5	3	5	3	2	30	Musselshell	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	0	2	2	16
Carter	0	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	11	Park	1	5	3	5	8	6	3	7	6	3	47
Cascade	20	20	35	19	20	20	17	14	18	10	193	Petroleum	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	5
Choteau	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	4	1	0	21	Phillips	0	3	11	2	7	12	7	3	2	2	49
Custer	5	3	3	4	2	2	8	3	1	3	34	Pondera	4	3	4	1	6	4	1	2	0	2	27
Daniels	2	3	0	0	0	5	1	2	1	0	14	Powder River	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	2	12
Dawson	1	5	3	1	2	6	9	2	3	4	36	Powell	4	9	1	5	7	6	6	5	5	7	55
Deer Lodge	6	4	8	4	4	3	1	1	4	2	37	Prairie	3	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	1	11
Fallon	3	1	0	0	2	1	2	2	1	3	15	Ravalli	7	7	4	8	2	6	9	9	8	4	64
Fergus	4	3	6	8	3	11	3	1	9	5	53	Richland	1	4	4	3	5	6	11	8	3	4	49
Flathead	12	12	26	18	21	17	19	5	17	25	172	Roosevelt	11	7	6	6	8	6	14	8	6	9	81
Gallatin	8	10	10	12	10	8	15	12	7	9	101	Rosebud	12	7	11	7	7	5	4	2	10	6	71
Garfield	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	4	3	16	Sanders	9	10	1	3	9	3	9	3	11	8	66
Glacier	14	17	13	14	16	14	9	9	12	5	123	Sheridan	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	2	3	2	19
Golden Valley	0	5	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	11	Silver Bow	16	10	10	3	11	8	10	8	4	5	85
Granite	6	0	1	4	3	5	3	1	1	1	25	Stillwater	0	5	1	4	9	4	5	3	2	3	36
Hill	5	5	12	0	8	6	7	11	3	2	59	Sweet Grass	10	1	4	4	0	2	1	4	4	3	33
Jefferson	4	8	8	9	3	3	2	6	6	9	58	Teton	5	4	5	1	2	2	3	3	2	0	27
Judith Basin	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	3	0	4	15	Toole	3	9	3	0	1	1	3	3	4	3	30
Lake	18	9	8	11	13	11	14	13	9	6	112	Treasure	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	7
Lewis & Clark	14	8	9	10	15	12	12	13	11	8	112	Valley	0	1	6	3	2	6	9	8	1	2	38
Liberty	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	6	1	12	Wheatland	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	9
Lincoln	4	4	4	3	4	2	6	3	5	6	41	Wibaux	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	3	10
Madison	3	9	5	6	6	4	5	2	5	3	48	Yellowstone	9	15	22	16	20	31	33	13	30	23	212
Totals	298	300	315	271	332	325	338	254	286	238	2957	Totals	298	300	315	271	332	325	338	254	286	238	2957

County	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	Page Total
Beaverhead	4	5	4	6	3	3	3	3	6	12	49
Big Horn	5	5	8	12	5	11	12	8	10	10	86
Blaine	2	5	0	1	5	8	3	2	4	1	31
Broadwater	5	1	1	0	5	0	1	1	1	3	18
Carbon	4	3	2	3	1	1	2	3	3	2	24
Carter	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	6
Cascade	11	9	12	12	10	14	16	13	11	14	122
Choteau	2	3	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	3	16
Custer	0	4	3	6	1	2	2	2	1	2	23
Daniels	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dawson	3	1	5	1	0	2	2	3	1	3	21
Deer Lodge	5	2	5	0	7	6	2	0	1	1	29
Fallon	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
Fergus	3	0	6	2	5	3	7	3	3	3	35
Flathead	15	10	22	19	14	16	16	17	13	7	149
Gallatin	13	4	13	5	1	5	22	15	5	5	88
Garfield	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	5
Glacier	11	6	14	5	6	1	10	4	11	6	74
Golden Valley	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Granite	3	3	0	1	0	5	2	3	1	3	21
Hill	4	7	4	0	3	4	5	2	7	2	38
Jefferson	7	2	1	2	2	7	4	3	4	7	39
Judith Basin	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	2	2	0	11
Lake	7	11	12	10	8	10	8	8	9	21	104
Lewis & Clark	9	9	15	13	7	6	8	10	11	3	91
Liberty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Lincoln	12	6	8	2	3	6	4	5	9	6	61
Madison	2	4	6	4	2	4	1	0	3	1	27
Totals	223	222	234	198	181	212	200	190	194	202	2056

County	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	Page Total
McCone	1	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Meagher	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	8
Mineral	2	3	2	6	2	5	2	5	6	3	36
Missoula	22	8	12	15	22	14	11	11	9	10	134
Musselshell	0	1	2	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	11
Park	3	3	3	4	3	1	3	6	1	4	31
Petroleum	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
Phillips	2	1	5	3	0	3	1	1	1	0	17
Pondera	0	7	2	3	0	3	0	0	1	3	19
Powder River	0	3	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	12
Powell	4	5	8	2	2	6	2	4	2	5	40
Prairie	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Ravalli	9	6	7	5	1	3	4	5	0	12	52
Richland	4	0	3	3	0	4	2	2	1	1	20
Roosevelt	5	9	3	8	5	5	3	3	10	4	55
Rosebud	8	7	3	2	5	6	2	8	7	3	51
Sanders	0	3	3	2	7	7	4	1	2	2	31
Sheridan	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	8
Silver Bow	2	10	2	5	8	11	3	5	7	9	62
Stillwater	1	4	3	1	4	2	0	2	4	5	26
Sweet Grass	1	2	3	3	2	0	1	0	2	1	15
Teton	0	0	5	3	1	1	1	2	1	2	16
Toole	1	5	2	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	15
Treasure	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	6
Valley	3	5	3	1	4	2	1	2	1	2	24
Wheatland	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	8
Wibaux	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
Yellowstone	19	26	9	9	21	13	19	15	12	16	159
Totals	223	222	234	198	181	212	200	190	194	202	2056

Crashes by County

County	All Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes	Prop. Dam. Crashes	County	All Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes	Prop. Dam. Crashes
Beaverhead	211	4	78	129	McCone	42	0	17	25
Big Horn	227	9	97	121	Meagher	38	0	20	18
Blaine	104	5	32	67	Mineral	289	6	62	221
Broadwater	150	2	52	96	Missoula	2,376	20	806	1,550
Carbon	249	3	90	156	Musselshell	97	1	42	54
Carter	13	0	7	6	Park	440	4	122	314
Cascade	2,646	11	677	1,958	Petroleum	10	0	4	6
Choteau	108	2	31	75	Phillips	98	3	31	64
Custer	323	3	78	242	Pondera	84	0	28	56
Daniels	34	0	13	21	Powder River	49	2	10	37
Dawson	228	1	57	170	Powell	213	8	57	148
Deer Lodge	136	1	58	77	Prairie	45	0	12	33
Fallon	19	0	8	11	Ravalli	847	7	270	570
Fergus	299	5	86	208	Richland	294	3	70	221
Flathead	1,907	10	700	1,197	Roosevelt	145	3	55	87
Gallatin	1,688	15	501	1,172	Rosebud	164	1	57	107
Garfield	23	0	14	9	Sanders	207	3	89	115
Glacier	212	6	79	127	Sheridan	77	0	17	60
Golden Valley	26	0	11	15	Silver Bow	773	3	223	547
Granite	121	4	34	84	Stillwater	274	3	94	177
Hill	419	1	96	322	Sweet Grass	126	3	36	87
Jefferson	380	2	117	261	Teton	148	2	51	95
Judith Basin	70	0	20	50	Toole	118	1	29	88
Lake	634	11	240	383	Treasure	52	0	15	37
Lewis & Clark	2,089	3	534	1,552	Valley	170	3	52	115
Liberty	16	1	9	6	Wheatland	44	2	12	30
Lincoln	338	5	120	213	Wibaux	53	0	23	30
Madison	137	2	34	101	Yellowstone	2,183	19	880	1,284
					Totals	22,263	203	7,057	15,005

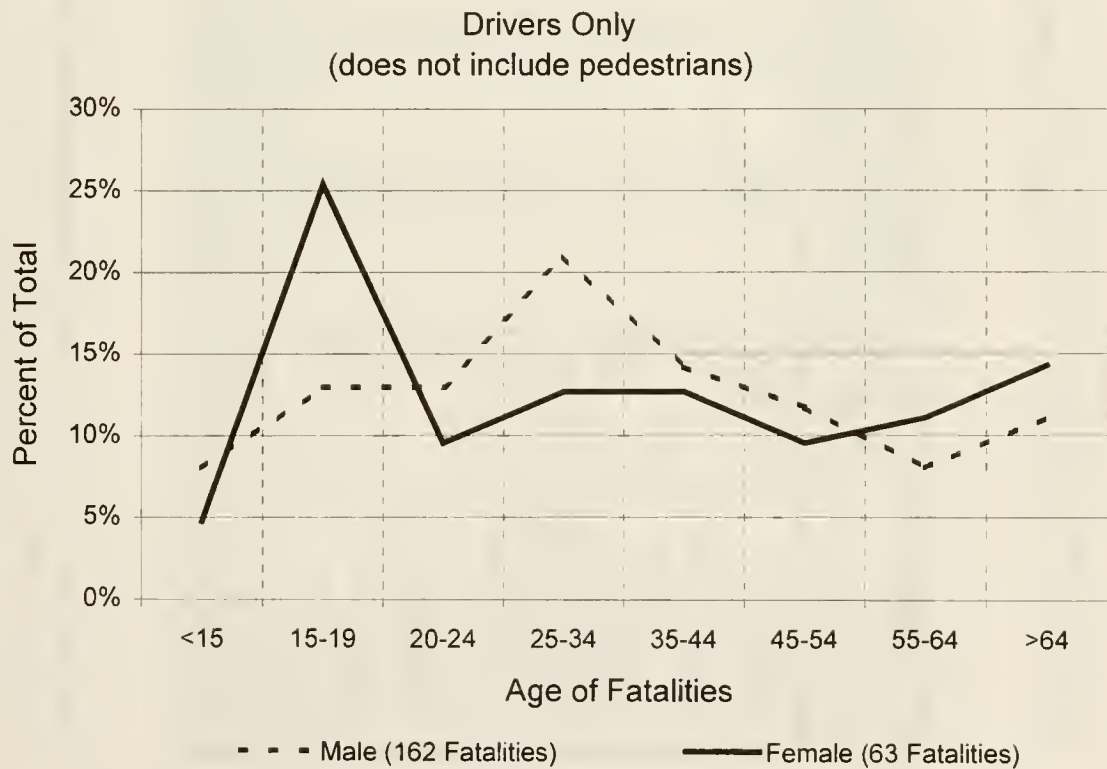
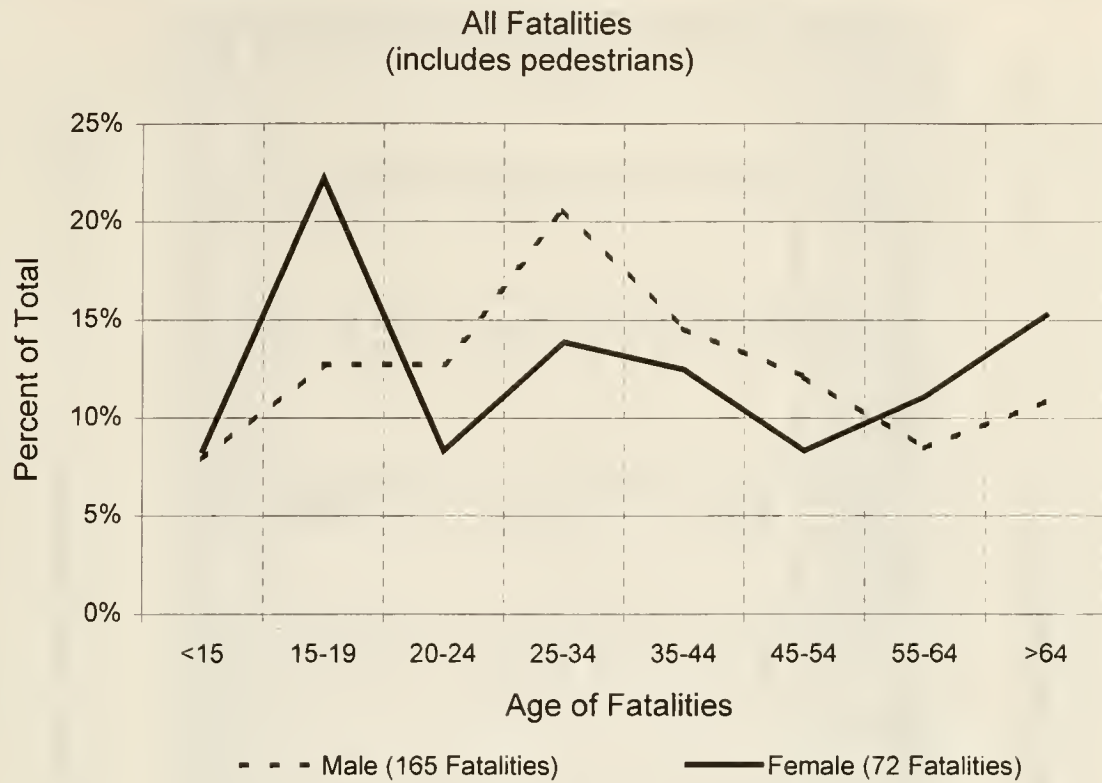
Crashes by Collision Type

Collision Type	All Crashes		Fatal Crashes		Injury Crashes	
Rear End	3,793	17.04%	10	4.93%	1,470	20.83%
Sideswipe, Same Direction	1,028	4.62%	6	2.96%	147	2.08%
Sideswipe, Opposite Direction	434	1.95%	5	2.46%	99	1.40%
Left Turn, Same Direction	246	1.10%	0	0.00%	72	1.02%
Left Turn, Opposite Direction	514	2.31%	5	2.46%	212	3.00%
Right Angle	4,354	19.56%	23	11.33%	1,456	20.63%
Right Turn, Same Direction	110	0.49%	0	0.00%	24	0.34%
Right Turn, Opposite Direction	31	0.14%	0	0.00%	6	0.09%
Head-On	348	1.56%	25	12.32%	182	2.58%
Other	1,940	8.71%	6	2.96%	217	3.07%
Single Vehicle	9,465	42.51%	123	60.59%	3,172	44.95%
Total	22,263		203		7,057	

Drivers by Police Reported Alcohol/Drugs Presence

Police Reported Alcohol/Drugs Presence	Drivers in All Crashes		Drivers in Fatal Crashes		Drivers in Injury Crashes	
Neither Alcohol nor Drugs	29,959	90.45%	154	53.10%	9,683	86.54%
Alcohol Present	2,098	6.33%	73	25.17%	1,132	10.12%
Drugs Present	67	0.20%	1	0.34%	48	0.43%
Alcohol and Drugs Present	72	0.22%	3	1.03%	42	0.38%
Not Reported	183	0.55%	1	0.34%	62	0.55%
Unknown	742	2.24%	58	20.00%	222	1.98%
Total	33,121		290		11,189	

Fatalities by Age and Sex



Drivers by Belt Use/Injury Classification

Restraint Use	No Injury	Possible Injury	Non-Incapac. Injury	Incapac. Injury	Fatal Injury	Severity Unknown	Died Prior to Accident	Unknown	Total
None Used	1,484	432	673	463	98	94	2	13	3,259
Shoulder Belt Only	130	26	12	10	1	6	0	1	186
Lap Belt Only	643	69	48	21	3	8	0	0	792
Shoulder & Lap Belt	18,291	2,221	1,240	462	39	144	2	20	22,419
Child Safety Seat	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Helmet Used	19	21	65	52	7	4	0	0	168
Use Unknown	5,238	493	189	98	6	74	2	125	6,225
Improper Use	7	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	20
Total	25,812	3,265	2,236	1,107	154	330	6	159	33,069

* The total number of drivers in this table will be smaller than the total number of drivers in other tables because this table excludes non-motorists (bicyclists, etc) since belt use does not apply to non-motorists.

Non-Drivers by Belt Use/Injury Classification

Restraint Use	No Injury	Possible Injury	Non-Incapac. Injury	Incapac. Injury	Fatal Injury	Severity Unknown	Died Prior to Accident	Unknown	Total
None Used	1,504	396	385	364	42	64	0	29	2,784
Shoulder Belt Only	59	21	5	3	0	0	0	0	88
Lap Belt Only	1,245	137	67	29	1	5	0	1	1,485
Shoulder & Lap Belt	7,644	967	476	190	17	58	0	28	9,380
Child Safety Seat	940	72	30	5	3	4	0	11	1,065
Helmet Used	2	2	8	13	0	2	0	0	27
Use Unknown	1,874	238	66	32	5	44	0	77	2,336
Improper Use	11	8	4	3	1	1	0	0	28
Total	13,279	1,841	1,041	639	69	178	0	146	17,193

* The total number of non-drivers in this table will be smaller than the total number of drivers in other tables because this table excludes non-motorists (bicyclists, etc) since belt use does not apply to non-motorists.

Crash/Injury Severity During Daylight Hours

Crash severity represents the most severe injury that was sustained by any person involved in a crash.
 Injury severity represents the actual injuries sustained by all the people involved in a crash.

Crash Severity	Number of Crashes			*Injury Severity	Number of Injuries			
	*All Roads	Interstate Only	Primary Only	Secondary Only	*All Roads	Interstate Only	Primary Only	Secondary Only
Fatal	108	21	28	43	120	23	34	48
Incapacitating Injury	832	127	255	253	1,127	167	362	322
Non-incapacitating Injury	1,420	179	386	460	2,054	280	592	650
					354	27	90	130
Possible Injury	2,458	182	739	911	3,758	276	1,238	1,349
Property Damage Only	9,626	1,060	2,391	2,951	28,218	2,486	8,029	9,555
Unknown	64	1	17	22	151	4	55	43
Total	14,508	1,570	3,816	4,640	35,782	3,263	10,400	12,097

*All roads includes Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Rural and Urban

*Injury severity does not include "died prior to accident"

Crash/Injury Severity During Non-Daylight Hours

Crash severity represents the most severe injury that was sustained by any person involved in a crash.

Injury severity represents the actual injuries sustained by all the people involved in a crash.

Crash Severity	Number of Crashes				*Injury Severity	Number of Injuries			
	*All Roads	Interstate Only	Primary Only	Secondary Only		*All Roads	Interstate Only	Primary Only	Secondary Only
Fatal	95	15	25	30	Fatal	116	19	34	35
Incapacitating Injury	470	69	126	130	Incapacitating Injury	667	101	193	181
Non-incapacitating Injury	902	123	198	267	Non-incapacitating Injury	1,279	164	288	371
					Injured Severity Unknown	179	10	38	69
Possible Injury	975	85	262	341	Possible Injury	1,403	124	382	491
Property Damage Only	5,229	866	1,166	1,435	No Injury	10,920	1,739	3,068	3,401
Unknown	86	8	13	23	Unknown	156	15	27	44
Total	7,757	1,166	1,790	2,226	Total	14,720	2,172	4,030	4,592

*All roads includes Interstate, Primary, Secondary, Rural and Urban

*Injury severity does not include "died prior to accident"

Crashes by Light Conditions

Fatal Crashes

Light Condition	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Dark-Lighted	11	7	10	7	8
Dark-not Lighted	55	90	61	80	74
Dawn	2	5	3	1	4
Daylight	101	110	125	97	108
Dusk	7	11	7	8	8
Unknown	1	0	2	1	1
Total	177	223	208	194	203

All Crashes

Light Condition	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Dark-Lighted	2,218	1,852	1,925	1,710	1,908
Dark-not Lighted	4,509	4,274	4,228	4,621	4,601
Dawn	381	368	345	361	395
Daylight	16,816	15,251	14,726	13,611	14,507
Dusk	771	766	649	648	659
Unknown	137	103	143	126	193
Total	24,832	22,614	22,016	21,077	22,263

Crashes by Road Condition

Fatal Crashes

Road Condition	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Dry	132	179	155	152	159
Wet	7	14	16	11	14
Snow or Slush	9	7	11	2	7
Ice	24	17	18	16	16
Sand, Mud, Dirt	1	1	2	3	0
Loose Gravel	1	4	5	9	6
Other	3	1	1	1	1
Total	177	223	208	194	203

All Crashes

Road Condition	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Dry	12,731	13,927	13,860	14,747	13,649
Wet	1,925	2,200	2,267	1,741	1,681
Snow or Slush	3,133	1,576	1,748	1,296	2,158
Ice	6,228	4,075	3,335	2,402	3,830
Sand, Mud, Dirt	159	143	156	165	138
Loose Gravel	506	518	472	537	578
Other	150	175	178	189	229
Total	24,832	22,614	22,016	21,077	22,263

Crashes by Trafficway

Fatal Crashes

Trafficway	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Interstate	37	49	31	32	36
U.S. Route	58	65	61	50	53
State Route	46	59	66	60	73
County Road	30	45	41	44	37
City Street	5	3	8	8	4
Private	1	2	1	0	0
Total	177	223	208	194	203

All Crashes

Trafficway	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Interstate	2,973	2,543	2,548	2,474	2,735
U.S. Route	5,853	5,517	5,414	5,376	5,606
State Route	7,629	7,160	7,101	6,526	6,866
County Road	3,173	2,988	3,003	3,062	3,208
City Street	4,944	4,178	3,774	3,422	3,684
Private	260	228	176	218	164
Total	24,832	22,614	22,016	21,078	22,263

Driver-Related Contributing Circumstances By Roadway Type

*Contributing Circumstances	Interstate		Primary		Secondary		Rural/County		Urban/Local		Private		Totals	
	Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total
Careless Driving	6	528	11	1,494	13	1,798	11	1,036	1	1,030	0	41	42	5,927
Cell Phone Use	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	9
Disregard Marker/Signal	2	75	5	341	2	397	6	74	1	162	0	0	16	1,049
Exceed Stated Speed Limit	2	36	7	63	11	118	5	102	2	92	0	0	27	411
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1	67	4	926	6	1,246	7	209	1	1,146	0	29	19	3,623
Fall Asleep, Fainted, Etc.	8	152	9	154	4	124	1	81	0	35	0	1	22	547
Followed Too Closely	0	64	1	591	1	542	0	44	0	95	0	0	2	1,336
Improper Backing Operation	0	9	0	68	0	147	0	59	0	316	0	29	0	628
Improper Lane Change	0	60	2	171	0	122	0	6	0	16	0	0	2	375
Improper Parking	0	4	0	13	0	32	0	13	0	78	0	4	0	144
Improper Passing	0	18	3	96	4	101	0	39	0	27	0	1	7	282
Improper Signals	0	2	0	27	0	31	0	15	0	8	0	0	0	83
Inattentive Driving	9	550	19	2,063	31	2,401	16	1,024	0	1,223	0	48	75	7,309
License Restriction	0	9	1	19	1	34	1	16	0	19	0	1	3	98
Made Improper Turn	0	24	3	249	2	281	1	75	0	111	0	2	6	742
None	12	981	24	4,378	31	5,184	7	876	3	3,174	0	92	77	14,685
Other	4	166	8	347	9	454	4	293	0	235	0	23	25	1,518
Too Fast For Conditions	12	948	9	682	16	952	20	1,231	0	552	0	17	57	4,382
Under Inf. Of Alcohol	11	154	11	352	24	543	17	502	1	259	0	10	64	1,820
Under Inf. Of Drugs	1	18	0	24	0	43	1	30	0	11	0	1	2	127
Wrong Side or Wrong Way	4	12	2	67	7	82	3	134	0	47	0	6	16	348
Totals	72	3,879	119	12,128	162	14,634	100	5,860	9	8,637	0	305	462	45,443

* There are five contributing circumstances allowed per driver/vehicle combination, however the investigating officer may use all or none of them.

Vehicles by First Harmful Event

First Harmful Event	All Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes	First Harmful Event	All Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes
Non-Collision				Impact Attenuator	12	1	5
Fire/Explosion	122	0	9	Luminaire/Light Support	94	0	26
Immersion	7	0	1	Motor Veh. At RR Crossing	13	0	2
Jackknife	114	1	13	MV in Transp. Other roadwa	4	1	1
Other Non-collision	174	3	60	Motor Vehicle in Transport	24,569	157	7,957
Overturn	2,276	58	1,252	Mail Box	110	0	29
Collision With				Median Barrier	153	1	45
Bridge Parapet End	4	1	1	Other Fixed Object	285	6	72
Bridge Rail	105	0	32	Other Object, not Fixed	144	2	25
Bridge/Pier/Abutment	50	1	14	Other Post	190	4	60
Culvert	65	0	30	Overhead Sign Support	11	0	3
Curb	119	3	33	Parked Motor Vehicle	1,756	1	200
Ditch	546	8	225	Pedalcycle	185	8	161
Domestic Animal	237	1	58	Pedestrian	154	11	133
Embankment	409	4	203	Railway Train	27	1	12
Fence	761	3	169	Rock or Boulder	117	0	47
Guardrail End	111	6	47	Tree	449	6	170
Guardrail Face	491	5	146	Utility Pole	226	2	76
Highway Traffic Sign Post	218	2	43	Wild Animal	1,866	1	186
				Total	36,174	298	11,546

Vehicles by Most Harmful Event

Most Harmful Event	All Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes	Most Harmful Event	All Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes
Non-Collision				Impact Attenuator	4	0	0
Fire/Explosion	144	6	21	Luminaire/Light Support	103	0	33
Immersion	21	1	5	Motor Veh. At RR Crossing	13	0	2
Jackknife	87	0	8	MV in Transp. Other roadwa	3	1	1
Other Non-collision	123	3	44	Motor Vehicle in Transport	24,429	151	7,862
Overturn	2,973	86	1,709	Mail Box	79	0	6
Collision With				Median Barrier	129	0	35
Bridge Parapet End	2	1	25	Other Fixed Object	311	3	72
Bridge Rail	101	0	0	Other Object, not Fixed	132	2	18
Bridge/Pier/Abutment	44	1	9	Other Post	126	0	16
Culvert	52	0	16	Overhead Sign Support	13	0	4
Curb	24	0	8	Parked Motor Vehicle	1,796	0	208
Ditch	443	1	188	Pedalcycle	186	8	162
Domestic Animal	230	1	52	Pedestrian	151	11	131
Embankment	316	3	149	Railway Train	29	2	12
Fence	677	0	96	Rock or Boulder	109	0	27
Guardrail End	95	4	33	Tree	543	2	205
Guardrail Face	423	0	110	Utility Pole	269	10	101
Highway Traffic Sign Post	173	1	18	Wild Animal	1,821	0	160
				Total	36,174	298	11,546

Vehicles by Body Style

Body Style	All Crashes	Fatal Crashes	Injury Crashes
Passenger Car (Unknown)	2,158	5	673
Van	1,178	5	379
Bus	67	0	18
School Bus	59	0	21
Pickup (Category Unknown)	1,233	3	338
Truck/Truck-Tractor	1,400	24	362
Motorhome	67	7	11
Motorcycle	333	14	280
Ambulance	10	0	4
Farm Tractor/Machinery	23	2	8
Construction Equipment	34	1	4
Pickup with Camper	59	1	13
Bicycle	201	8	176
Snowmobile	5	0	5
Other	71	2	28
Fire Truck	11	0	3
Small Pickup	2,664	16	857
Standard Pickup	5,902	59	1,741
Subcompact Car	627	2	239
Compact Car	4,428	42	1,513
Mid-Size Car	7,111	43	2,256
Large Passenger Car	2,135	17	662
Small Station Wagon	532	2	158
Mid-Size Station Wagon	442	3	156
Large Station Wagon	235	3	65
Moped	4	0	3
Mini Van	1,087	6	359
Sport Utility	3,595	33	1,185
Tow Truck in Transit	7	0	2
Working Construction Equipment	51	0	10
Unknown Vehicle Type	445	0	17
Total	36,174	298	11,546

Motorcycle Accidents

333	Total Crashes
14	Fatal Crashes
280	Injury Crashes
14	Persons Killed
349	Persons Injured

Where Crashes Occurred	Fatal	Total
Interstate Highways	3	24
U.S. Highways	6	111
State Highways	3	120
County Roads	2	46
City Streets	0	32
Other Trafficways	0	0
Total	14	333

Motorcyclist Sobriety (drivers only)	Statewide		Urban		*Rural	
	Total	Fatal	Total	Fatal	Total	Fatal
Neither Alcohol nor Drugs Present	245	4	22	0	223	4
Alcohol Present	51	5	4	0	47	5
Alcohol and Drugs Present	1	0	0	0	1	0
Drugs Present	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Reported	16	1	0	0	16	1
Unknown	20	4	0	0	20	4
Total	333	14	26	0	307	14

* Rural = Statewide minus Urban

Helmet Usage by Age of Driver												
	Statewide				Urban				*Rural			
	Total		Fatal		Total		Fatal		Total		Fatal	
Age	Used	Not	Used	Not	Used	Not	Used	Not	Used	Not	Used	Not
14 & Under	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
15 to 17	5	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	5	0	0
18 to 19	11	14	0	0	1	3	0	0	10	11	0	0
20 to 24	15	33	3	0	0	5	0	0	15	28	3	0
25 to 34	22	30	0	1	1	5	0	0	21	25	0	1
35 to 64	68	105	2	6	3	2	0	0	65	103	2	6
65 & Over	9	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	9	2	1	0
Not Stated	0	8	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	132	201	6	7	7	25	0	0	125	176	6	7

Helmet Usage by Age of Passenger												
	Statewide				Urban				*Rural			
	Total		Fatal		Total		Fatal		Total		Fatal	
Age	Used	Not	Used	Not	Used	Not	Used	Not	Used	Not	Used	Not
14 & Under	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
15 to 17	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
18 to 19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
20 to 24	1	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	0	0
25 to 34	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0
35 to 64	21	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	17	0	0
65 & Over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Stated	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Total	27	34	0	0	0	3	0	0	27	31	0	0

* Rural = Statewide minus Urban

Motor Vehicle Inspection Data

The Motor Vehicle Inspection Bureau performs roadside inspections on commercial motor vehicles and drivers to ensure their compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and the Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations. The Bureau employs nine full time inspectors who perform roadside inspections as well as safety fitness reviews on motor carriers in Montana. These inspectors along with the Montana Highway Patrol Officers and the Motor Carrier Services Division of the Montana Department of Transportation have recorded the following information:

Year	Inspections	Fatal Crashes
1994	18,916	13
1995	23,967	22
1996	28,045	18
1997	39,105	21
1998	38,471	16
2000	43,112	27

Vehicle Out-of-Service Violations

Year	Number of Vehicle Out-of-Service Violations
1994	4,565
1995	3,537
1996	3,254
1997	4,162
1998	4,675
1999	5,775
2000	5,462

Safety Fitness Reviews

Number of Motor Carriers

Rating	1997	1998	1999	2000
Unsatisfactory	9	16	21	29
Conditional	17	37	46	47
Satisfactory	56	48	49	29
Total Reviews	82	101	116	103

Major Violations

Violation	1997	1998	1999	2000
Improper or no medical certificate	1,859	2,019	1,602	1,296
False Log	570	1,043	1,185	1,059
No Log or Log not current	6,089	6,860	8,858	7,992
10 or 15 hour violations	1,919	2,279	2,480	2,016
60 or 70 hour violations	563	1,026	1,157	855
Possession or usage of drugs	4	8	11	6
Possession or usage of alcohol	70	93	116	101
No seat belt used	219	239	367	258
Brakes out-of-adjustment	2,228	2,368	2,210	1,782
Steering violations	338	298	889	784
Tire violations	1,350	1,403	1,673	1,535
Shipping Paper violations	92	79	118	160
Improper Placarding	82	118	131	213

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